

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
(PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)**

February 6, 2002

7:00 PM

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

Mayor Baines called for the Pledge of Allegiance, this function being led by Alderman Garrity.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

The Clerk called the roll. There were fourteen Aldermen present.

Present: Aldermen Wihby, Gatsas, Guinta, Sysyn, Osborne, Pinard, O'Neil,
Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Thibault, Forest

Mayor Baines advised that the purpose of the special meeting was to give residents of Manchester the opportunity to address the Board on items of concern affecting the community; that each person would be given only one opportunity to speak; that comments shall be limited to two minutes to allow all participants the opportunity to speak and any comments must be directed to the Chair.

Mayor Baines requested that any resident wishing to speak come forward to the nearest microphone, clearly state their name and address when recognized, and give their comments.

Billy Dodd, 181 Mammoth Road, Manchester, NH (Re: city-wide issues) stated:

I'd like to bring up a couple of issues. As we all know *Hippo Press* has been having some articles the last couple of weeks on the parking situation and the revenue that's due the management company. It's a pretty done deal that that was a secret deal that was cut a year and a half before we voted on that and it's a 15 year contract. I hope this Board will...I hope the new members of this Board will not get involved in any shenanigans like that. The other things concerns an editorial in the *Union Leader* on the franchise fees on AT&T cable. AT&T cable is not being charged a franchise fee. Each individual that subscribes is being charged a franchise fee...I spoke to you people on that before. They collect the money every quarter and according to the contract thirty days after the quarter ends they have to make a payment to you. I've asked before who keeps the interest

money while they're holding my money, try to find that one out. We found out recently that the City Solicitor's office has been sitting on an issue for the last two months...my question is why hasn't the City Solicitor's office done something about Alderman Thibault's recommendation and voted by the previous Board that a dollar surcharge be put on every civic center ticket, so there would be some positive revenue coming back to the City. Why aren't you working diligently on that one. SMG is collecting their dollar surcharge that was in the contract that they're allowed to...work on that one. I hope this Board's aware that the previous Board had a phone poll vote on the access road for the proposed Shaws on South Willow Street...I'm curious as to whether that phone poll was done with the knowledge by the Aldermen at that time that Mr. MacKenzie and the Planning staff recommended that road not go in. Maybe this Board should revisit that issue...you've got a lot of neighbors over there that don't want to see that road go in and it's one more step to destroying a neighborhood. Another thing is we ought to have a match at the civic center between the civic center sidewalks and the rest of the city sidewalks. The snow removal is disgraceful on the rest of the city sidewalks, but everything in front of the civic center is clean. Thank you.

There being no one else present wishing to speak, on motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Smith, it was voted to take all comments under advisement and further to receive and file any written documentation presented.

There being no further business to come before the Special Meeting, on motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk